

House Resolution 951

By: Representatives Teague of the 58th and Brooks of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing William S. "Bill" Cannon, V, the founder of African American Business
2 Enterprise Day on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of AABE Day; and inviting him to
3 appear before House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia is the only state in America to celebrate the hardships and successes
5 of African American owned and operated businesses; and
- 6 WHEREAS, on February 7, 2002, the state of Georgia will celebrate the 10th anniversary
7 of African American Business Enterprise Day; and
- 8 WHEREAS, African American Enterprise Day was conceived and developed by William
9 S."Bill"Cannon, V; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1988, William S. "Bill" Cannon, V became the first registered lobbyist for
11 the interest of African American owned businesses in a state legislature; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 2002, William S. "Bill" Cannon, V remains the only advocate for the interest
13 of African American owned businesses in any state legislature in the United States; and
- 14 WHEREAS, William S. "Bill" Cannon, V has distinguished himself as the Chairman of the
15 House of Representatives Advisory Committee on Minority Business that issued the first
16 assessment of minority business participation with state contracting which has come to be
17 known as the "*Cannon Report*"; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 1993, William S. "Bill" Cannon, V became the architect and founder of the
19 Georgia Summit of African American Business Organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, the resolution creating African American Business Enterprise Day was
2 sponsored in the Georgia House of Representatives by Representative Sharon
3 Beaseley-Teague and Representative Henry Howard; and

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has celebrated African American Business Enterprise Day
5 each year for ten years.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body recognize and commend William S. "Bill" Cannon, V for his
8 significant contributions to the State of Georgia and invite him to appear before the House
9 of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William S. "Bill" Cannon,
12 V.